

# Parent Square Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Alabama recently amended its rules and regulations regarding library cards for minors (Alabama Administrative Code 520-2-2.03 (2)(k)). For children under the age of 18 to have a Jefferson County Library Cooperative (JCLC) library card and thus access to the library's physical and digital collection, a parent must approve and agree in writing to the terms and conditions of the card. For our schools to better align with this, the student's public library credentials must be entered when adding the Homewood Public Library or the JCLC to their HCS Sora account.

Please note that all students will continue to have access to our HCS internal library resources, including print and digital materials, to support their educational journey.

For information on obtaining a JCLC library card, please visit:

<https://www.homewoodpubliclibrary.org/librarycard>

For instructions on linking your student's Sora Account to the Jefferson County Library Cooperative Catalog, please follow these [instructions](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out!

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# Linking Instructions

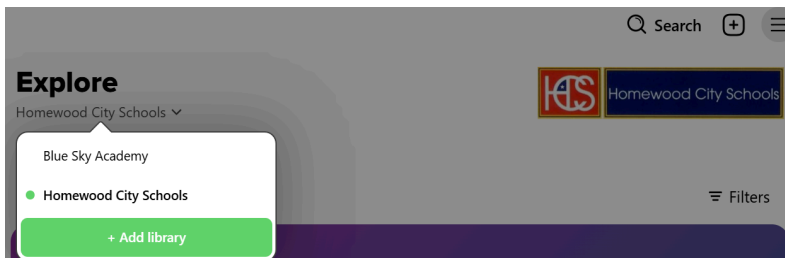
# How to Add the Jefferson County Library Cooperative Digital Library to Your HCS Sora Account

## Login to Sora through the student's Classlink Account.

To login to Classlink via a personal device, you need to use your student's HCS-issued username and password.

Be sure to include @[homewood.k12.al.us](mailto:homewood.k12.al.us) with the username.

## Select +Add Library:



## Select Your Library: Jefferson County Library Cooperative Birmingham, AL

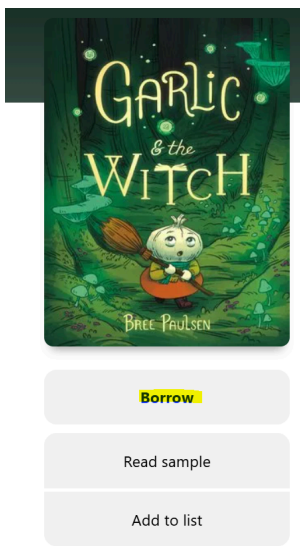
### Let's find your library.

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**Matching libraries**

**Jefferson County Library**  
Jefferson County Library Cooperative  
Birmingham, Alabama, USA  
and 19 others

## Select Title to Borrow or Place Hold:



Select Homewood Public Library

(or another PL Branch that might be more geographically suitable)

**Homewood Public Library**

**Hoover Public Library**

**Hueytown Public Library**

Enter Library Credentials:

## Sign into Homewood Public Library



Card Number

Sign In

### To complete the Connection:

Once you add the Homewood or JCLC library, the library will remain active in your Sora account. You will not need to re-enter this information after you have borrowed at least one book. You may also use a parent's library card to access the JCLC Sora collection.

Restrictions on JCLC library content remain consistent, regardless of the library card used to link to JCLC.

**If you get an error message while trying to make this connection, follow these steps:**

1. Sign out of Sora on your device
2. Clear the browser's cache/cookies
3. Sign back into your school account
4. Add JCLC as a library
5. Select the library your card belongs to
6. Re-enter your library card number